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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, of today's date, from my Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its attachment as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 1 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The region and "safe area" of Bihac continue to be under assault by the Karadzic Serbs and, from across the border within the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia, by the Croatian Serbs and other paramilitary forces allied with them. This coordinated assault and cross-border aggression further aggravate a most alarming humanitarian situation.

Despite the most recent promises of the Croatian Serbs, relayed by the Secretary-General's Special Envoy, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, neither has there been a withdrawal nor has humanitarian assistance been allowed to reach the completely encircled Bihac region. To the contrary, the assault and humanitarian strangulation continue.

Once again, we call upon the United Nations and, by extension, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), to meet their commitment to respond to the assault upon the Bihac region and "safe area". We also reaffirm our request under the Split declaration of 22 July 1995, to the Republic of Croatia, under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, to assist in helping the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to repel the aggression, relieve the humanitarian situation and lift the siege of Bihac.

Were it not for the request to the Republic of Croatia and the ensuing response, and the determined and courageous efforts of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the HVO in defending their homes, the situation in the Bihac "safe area" would only continue to deteriorate in view of the lack of response from the United Nations and NATO.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY